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The Board’s discussion today addressed the need to conserve water in Southern California. It is essential that local government work to reduce our dependency on water from outside the Los Angeles basin. One measure we can adopt relatively quickly is an ordinance requiring that new development in County unincorporated communities include drought-tolerant and native landscaping. This will minimize the need for excessive watering of plants that are not native to Southern California or otherwise require a lot of water to survive.

County staff should conduct further research to identify other measures--such as drip-irrigation sprinkler systems, dual-piping for recycled water, and similar equipment—that the Board can consider adopting in the near future.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Works, working with the Department of Regional Planning and the County Counsel, to prepare an ordinance for the Board of Supervisors amending our Zoning Ordinance and building codes to require that drought-tolerant and native species be required in all new developments in unincorporated Los Angeles County, to be brought before the Board of Supervisors within 60 days, and that staff of these departments report back to the Board at that time identifying other potential water conservation measures.

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